

RROMAC MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2004

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

Mark Bauer
James Burns
Robert Ewers
Don Logan
Adam Mayer
Wendy Mortensen
Dave Vanasche

Staff:

Dave Schamp
Greg Clemmons
Victoria Saager
Rich Girard
Keith Lewis
Stacia Sheelar

Absent

Keith Fishback
Eldon Jossi
Joe Rutledge
Gary Virgin

Guests:

Ross Van Loo

WELCOME

Wendy Mortensen called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. It was moved by Robert Ewers and seconded by James Burns to approve the June minutes. All were in favor.

ACCESS PERMITS AND FIELD ACCESS

This issue was brought to Land Development and past ditching practices were explained. Rural local roads are being done now and there are a lot of agricultural/seasonal accesses. Reestablishing ditches and making the landowners pay a fee to get their access back is probably not the way we want to go. Land Development's concern is that the land use for the access may change. Sight distance needs to be considered and there needs to be a right-of-way permit to change the location of an access.

Dave Vanasche recommended working with the property owners to relocate accesses and make sure that they meet sight distance.

Dave Schamp suggested these permits be called Seasonal Permits, not Agricultural Accesses.

WREN ROAD DITCH MAINTENANCE

Ditch maintenance for Wren Road was discussed. Should the farmers be farming to the ditch, in the ditch, to the edge of pavement? Farmers want to farm as far as possible. Greg Clemmons suggested that we leave a buffer zone and employ skip ditching. Don Logan suggested wild peas on the edge of the banks as an option. Wendy Mortensen says that some property owners are required to maintain their ditches. Ideal plants for the ditches are low growing, comes back

every year, periwinkles, etc. Greg pointed out that there are two purposes for vegetated ditches: Erosion control (species like peas and English Ivy do very well and sediment removal, such as grass). The main purpose of our vegetated ditch program is for sediment removal indicating that grasses are the desired vegetation. Next month's meeting should include further discussion regarding ground cover. We need to find compatible crops.

MISCELLANEOUS

Jim Burns commented that Sewell Road is coming along nicely. First shot of MC250 was done at meeting time.

Wendy Mortensen mentioned that her news releases were out. (See Attached)

Victoria Saager mentioned that news releases for dust abatement have gone out.

Dave Vanasche raised the issue of safety on Susbauer Road. Life Flight has been out twice in the last month. Wren and Cornelius-Schefflin – double yellow needs to be checked. In the curves below Vanasche's shop, need a curve sign replaced and the curve needs more pavement. Most accidents are happening heading north bound. Suggestion to install a yellow flasher at Wren and Susbauer. Greg Clemmons will report back at the next meeting on safety issues on Susbauer Road.

Wendy Mortensen adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

Susbauer Safety Issues – Greg Clemmons
Vegetation Options – Keith Lewis
Subgrade Drainage – Dave Schamp
Work Program – Greg Clemmons/Keith Lewis